

May 30, 2003

VIA Electronic Filing

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 02-277, MM Docket NO. 01-235, MM Docket No. 01-317,
MM Docket No. 00-244

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this letter is to provide notice of an *ex parte* meeting with Commission staff in the above-referenced docket. On May 27, 2003, Patti Miller and Christy Glaubke of Children Now met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and his legal advisor, Johanna Mics.

During this meeting, Children Now *et al.* discussed our research study, *Big Media, Little Kids*, which examined the impact of media consolidation among major television stations in Los Angeles before and after the purchase of independent stations by media giants that already owned stations in the city. The study showed that there was a dramatic decrease in children's TV programming following a rise in media consolidation. The overall number of children's shows decreased by almost half (47%) over the past five years, from a total of 88 programs per week in 1998 to 47 shows in 2003. Children Now expressed concern about the impact that further media consolidation would have on the availability and diversity of children's programming.

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System procedures. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 510-763-2444 should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Patti Miller
Director
Children Now